

REMARKS

The present amendments are in view of the IPER mailed on November 10, 2005, and is further to the claims filed with a preliminary amendment dated October 20, 2005.

The amendment to page 6 is made to correct an obvious typing error.

In the claim amendment, Claims 1, 28, 33, and 34 are amended, claims 8-27, and 30-32 are cancelled, and claims 35-46 are added.

In the IPER, claims 1-11 and 17-34 were rejected in view of Rowe et al. (US patent No. 6,234,990). Claims 12-16 were rejected in view of a combination of Rowe et al. and Oppelt (US Patent No. 5,279,282), but this rejection is moot, since claims 12-16 were cancelled with the amendments filed on October 20, 2005, without any relation to the rejection.

Claim 1 is currently amended to recite "an elastic interface separating the ultrasonic power source from the liquid". Independent claim 33 is similarly amended. These amendments are supported, for instance, on page 2 lines 16-22 of the application as filed, reading:

"Optionally, an interface is provided at the ultrasonic power input to the volume of liquid in the housing. The interface preferably has acoustic properties that are similar to those of the liquid. If the transducer were used to inject the acoustic energy directly into the liquid, the interface between the transducer and the liquid would act as a focus for cavitation, resulting in a marked reduction in the acoustic energy that reaches the skin surface, reducing or eliminating cavitation there. This allows for a higher percentage of generated ultrasound energy to be inserted into the liquid, so that desired cavitation at the tissue surface is generated."

Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the prior art. Allowance of the application is respectfully awaited. If, however, the Examiner is not convinced and the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation may forward the present application toward allowance, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468. Please note that this is a direct *toll free* number in the US that is answered in the undersigned's Israel office. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.



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